Mr. P. Neelakanta Menon:— The enquiry was conducted here by the Commandant, Nair Brigade. A copy of his report C. No. 4 of 1108, dated 12th January 1934 is appended *(Appendix V.)* It was proved that the Veterinary Inspector left Bombay with the animals without detecting the discrepancies between the details noted in the certificates and the marks on the horses. For this he was suspended from duty for one month.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:—What was the loss sustained by the Government by the negligence of the Inspector?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:—No loss was sustained.

Article in Mahathi—Allegations—staff—Vadakkancheri Munsiff's Court.

207. A. Eachan Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether their attention has been drawn to the article in the Mahathi newspaper under the caption "കാടാമ്പുഴയിൽ നിന്നും കാള" by Powran (page 7 of the issue dated 30th December 1934).

(2) whether there is any truth in the grave allegations made in it;

(3) if so, what action have they taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— (1) Yes.

(2) and 3) The matter is under enquiry

Mr P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri:—By whom is the enquiry conducted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—The enquiry is being conducted by the Judicial Department.

Agricultural indebtedness in the State.

208. Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total amount of agricultural indebtedness in the State;

(b) the measures they have taken or proposed to take to save the agriculturists from the effects of their heavy debt?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— (a) Government have not collected complete statistics.

(b) Steps are being taken to disburse Rs. 20 lakhs in loans to deserving agriculturists.

Mr. A Sivarama Menon:—May I know the progress made in the collection of statistics?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:—I do not think Government have embarked upon collecting any statistics yet, except perhaps what is being collected by the officer who is conducting the Economic Survey.

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